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BOARD DISCUSSES ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its regular meeting on Wednesday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard presentations and took action on a number of items.

The board held an in-depth discussion about Kentucky's new assessment and accountability system, which is mandated by 2009's Senate Bill 1. Staff at the Kentucky Department of Education presented a concept paper for the new system, which includes indicators related to next-generation learners, next-generation professionals, next-generation support systems and next-generation schools and districts. (See attachment for more details.)

The board approved a regulation that repeals another state regulation that provides guidelines for the Highly Skilled Educator (HSE) program. Since the HSE program will be replaced by a new assistance program, the regulation related to its guidelines must be repealed.

In a related move, the board gave final approval to state regulation 703 KAR 5:190, which outlines the provision of education assistance to schools and school districts.

The board also approved its legislative agenda in preparation for the 2011 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

In recognition of her dedication to the students of Kentucky, the board presented Helen W. Mountjoy with the Dr. Samuel Robinson Award. Mountjoy is a former secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and was a longtime member of the Kentucky Board of Education, serving as chair of the board for many years.

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The board took the following actions:

- approved its Strategic Plan Goals and Commissioner of Education's Goals
- approved the commissioner's 2009-10 evaluation document (see attachment for more details)
- approved the revised *KBE Policy Manual*
- approved the district facility plan for the Knott County school district
- approved 2010-2011 local district tax rates levied
- approved the site for the proposed new Pre-K Center in the Elizabethtown Independent school district
- approved the site for the proposed new middle school in the Paducah Independent school district
- approved the guidelines for requesting the use of capital funds for FY2010-11 and FY2011-12

The board heard presentations on the following items:

- English-Language Learners (ELLs): Focus on Closing the Achievement Gaps
- the Board Examination System
- Title IX deficiencies for schools audited during the 2009-10 school year and recommendations for 2010-11 from the Kentucky High School Athletics Association
- the pupil attendance regulation
- the 2010-2012 Biennial Budget

The Kentucky Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled for December 8 in Frankfort.

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